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ARCHBISHOP VILATTE.

Selects The Brownsville Country As The Places To Locate His Colony Sails For Paris.

A dispatch from Houston of late date says:

On a tract of 25,000 acres of land located at Raymondville, on the line of the Brownsville Road. His Eminence, Monseigneur J. R. Vilatte, Right Reverend Archbishop and Primate of the Old Roman Catholic Church in the United States, will locate a colony of the members of his faith, composed of French, Belgian, Swiss and Holland emigrants. Almost in the center of the large acreage a small tract of ninety acres will be set aside for the erection and establishment of a monastery, where young men will be trained for the priesthood of the Old Roman Catholic Church. As soon as possible emigrants will be sent to Texas, and within a year it is expected that the colony will be fully established and the monastery completed and occupied.

Such are the authorized statements of the Rt. Rev. Archbishop Vilatte, who passed through Houston this morning in the private car Raymondville, belonging to A. M. Davidson of Chicago, by whom the distinguished churchman was accompanied to the Brownsville country. The archbishop was en route to Chicago and thence to New York, where he will take steamer for Europe to meet John Sebastian, passenger traffic manager for the Rock Island-Frisco systems, with whom the plan of emigration will be talked over and formulated. In the private car Raymondville were other investors, among them being J. M. Patterson, formerly manager at Chicago for the New York Life Insurance Company and recently identified with the Canadian Pacific irrigation department; B. C. Kent, who is arranging to build and equip a summer and winter resort at Corpus Christi; R. M. Stangland, manager of the National Land Company of Chicago, and M. E. House and Dr. J. E. Carlson, both of La Salle, Ill., and both capitalists who believe in the future of the country in which they have recently acquired holdings. Mr. Davidson, who was in charge of the party, is general immigration agent at Chicago for the Houston & Texas Central, and it was through his influence and inducements that Archbishop Vilatte came to select the Brownsville country as the spot wherein to locate his colony.

According to plans outlined by Archbishop Vilatte this morning, the 25,000 acres which is to be utilized as colony sites will be divided into twenty and forty acre farms, the emigrants paying for them by degrees while continuing to improve the property. These emigrants, while composed principally of the natives of the four countries mentioned, with a sprinkling of Italians, will also be supplemented by such members of the Old Roman Catholic Church as care to leave the Central and Eastern United States and take up their homes in Texas. Archbishop Vilatte is surrounded with a competent corps of assistants in his work and the inducements of Texas will be disseminated through these assistants. As soon as a conference can be held with Mr. Sebastian in Europe, the Archbishop will begin to arrange for sending his colonists, who will all come into Texas via the port of Galveston. From there they will be sent direct to Raymondville, where temporary arrangements will have been made for their care.

With the inauguration of a seminary and monastery where young men may prepare for the ministry, the archbishop believes he will have commenced a work that will

redound to the everlasting benefit of the state at large. Practically everything will be donated for this seminary, Mr. Davidson having already fifty acres of land and the Brownsville Road giving the other forty that will make up the ninety on which the monastery will be located. It will be in the center of the colony site and the emigrants will be given the benefit of religious aid as well as such assistance as can be rendered by those familiar with the soil and how best to cultivate it. The ecclesiastic was enthusiastic regarding the success of his project and believes that nothing stands in the way of making it a complete success.

WHAT NOON MEANS IN LAW.

Decisions Conflict as to Whether or Not Standard Time is Signified.

The courts of several states have dealt with an odd question, none of them agreeing upon a similar answer. When is it legally noon? Fire insurance policies expire at noon and the word is admitted to mean exactly 12 o'clock, midday. But standard time has not been adopted in all communities. Many small towns cling to sun time, which may be from a few minutes to nearly an hour earlier than standard.

In one state a fire occurred at two minutes past noon, sun time, and the insurance company held that the policy had expired before the fire. Sun time is used in that town, but the insured sued the company, holding that local customs did not rule the policy and that he was entitled to his insurance. The state courts sustained him.

In another state a similar contention was taken to the courts and just the opposite decision given. Several conflicting precedents have been established in estate courts, and it is said the question can only be decided for good and all when a case has been carried into the United States courts and passed upon by the supreme court.—New York Press.

The Horse.

Here is a third grade boy's composition on "The Horse:"

"The horse is a very noble quadruped; but when he is angry he will not do so. He is ridden on the spinal cord by the bridle and sadly the driver will place his foot on the stirrup, and divides his lower limbs across the saddle, and drives his animal to the meadow. He has a long mouth and his head is attached to the trunk by a long protuberance called the neck. He has four legs, two are in the front side and two are afterward.

"These are the weapons on which he runs; he also defends himself by extending those in the rear in a parallel direction toward his foe, but this he does only when in a vexatious mood. His fooding is generally grasses and grains. He is also useful to take on his back a man or woman as well as some other things. He has power to run as fast as he could. He has got no sleep at night time, and always standing awoken. Also there are horses of short sizes. They do the same as other horses are generally doing. They have got tail, but not so long as the cow and other such like similar animals."

Following is a summary of the results of a long series of fertilizer tests in growing tomatoes at the Troup experiment station: 1. "Acid phosphate more constantly produced beneficial results than any other single fertilizer. 2. On new land an application of 300 pounds of acid phosphate per acre gave best results. 3. On old land, which had never been fertilized, an application of 300 pounds of acid phosphate and 250 pounds of cottonseed meal per acre gave the most satisfactory results.

MEXICO FOR MEXICANS!

A Wisconsin Man Says Americans in the Sister Republic Are in Danger.

The following dispatch comes from New Orleans, under date of July 12. The gentleman making the dire predictions contained therein may be correct, but THE HERALD would like additional proof before believing he knew what he was talking about. It has been our impression that relations between Mexicans and Americans in the republic are of the most cordial nature, and that these relations were being daily strengthened. Mr. Sturdevant, of Wisconsin, certainly must be mistaken in his predictions as to the danger to Americans in Mexican territory. The dispatch is as follows:

That the United States Government will, within a short time, have to send its troops into Mexico to protect American interests there is the belief of F. A. Sturdevant, a Wisconsin man, who has been connected with the Mexican Central Railroad for the past two years.

According to the statements of Mr. Sturdevant, who is a guest at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, all Americans have been warned to leave the Republic before Sept. 4, and are threatened by death if they fail to leave by that time.

Mr. Sturdevant says that many Americans have already left the Republic on account of this threat, while others feel that the Government is strong enough to protect them in case of trouble. He says that the recent trouble on the border is but the beginning of the work of a secret society which has now spread to the most remote parts of Mexico, and which is daily gaining hundreds of new members among the working classes in the Republic. He says that small riots aimed against the Americans have caused a number of deaths in various remote sections, and that much more serious trouble is anticipated at any time. Mr. Sturdevant says that with the present army Mexico will be unable to cope with this society, whose war cry is "Mexico for the Mexicans," and that American troops will come into the country to protect the financial interests at stake.

The returning railroad man says that he will not return to Mexico, as he believes that all Americans in the Republic will be in danger.

Proving His Own Sanity.

"Why do you think the plaintiff insane?" a witness, examined as to somebody's mental condition, was asked by a counsel at a trial.

"Because," replied the witness, "he is continually going about asserting that he is the prophet Mohammed."

"And pray, sir," retorted the learned gentleman, "do you think that when a person declares that he is the prophet Mohammed it is clear proof of his insanity?"

"I do."

"Why?"

"Because," answered the witness, regarding his questioner with an easy complacency, "I happen to be the prophet Mohammed myself."

Sleeplessness.

A Swedish servant-maid, finding that her mistress was troubled with sleeplessness, told her of a practice of the people of her country who were similarly affected. It was to take a napkin, dip it in ice-cold water, wring it slightly and lay it across her eyes. The plan was followed and it worked like a charm. The first night the lady slept for hours without waking, something she had not done for several months. At the end of that time the napkin had become dry. By wetting it again she at once went to sleep, and it required considerable force to arouse her in the morning.—Exchange.